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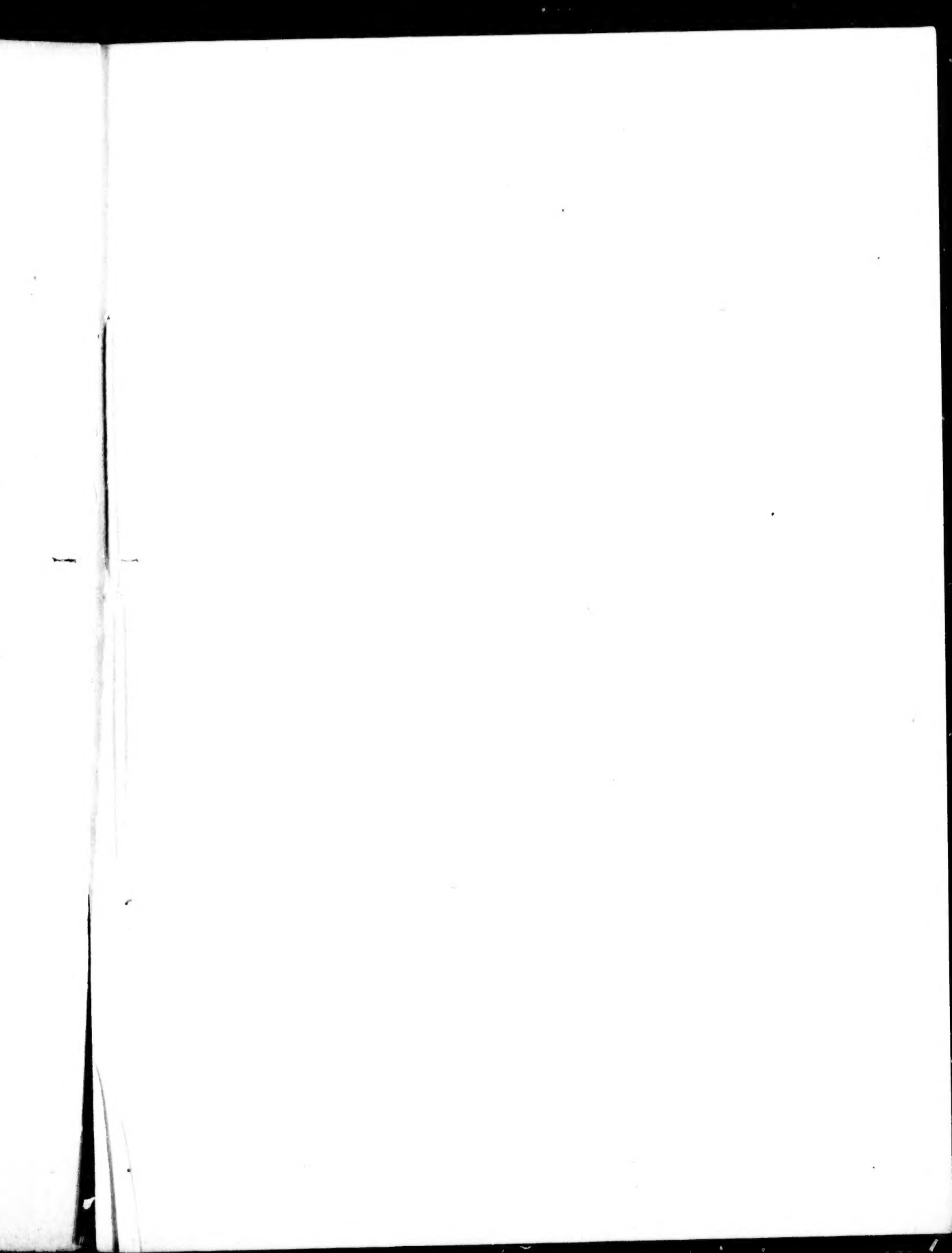
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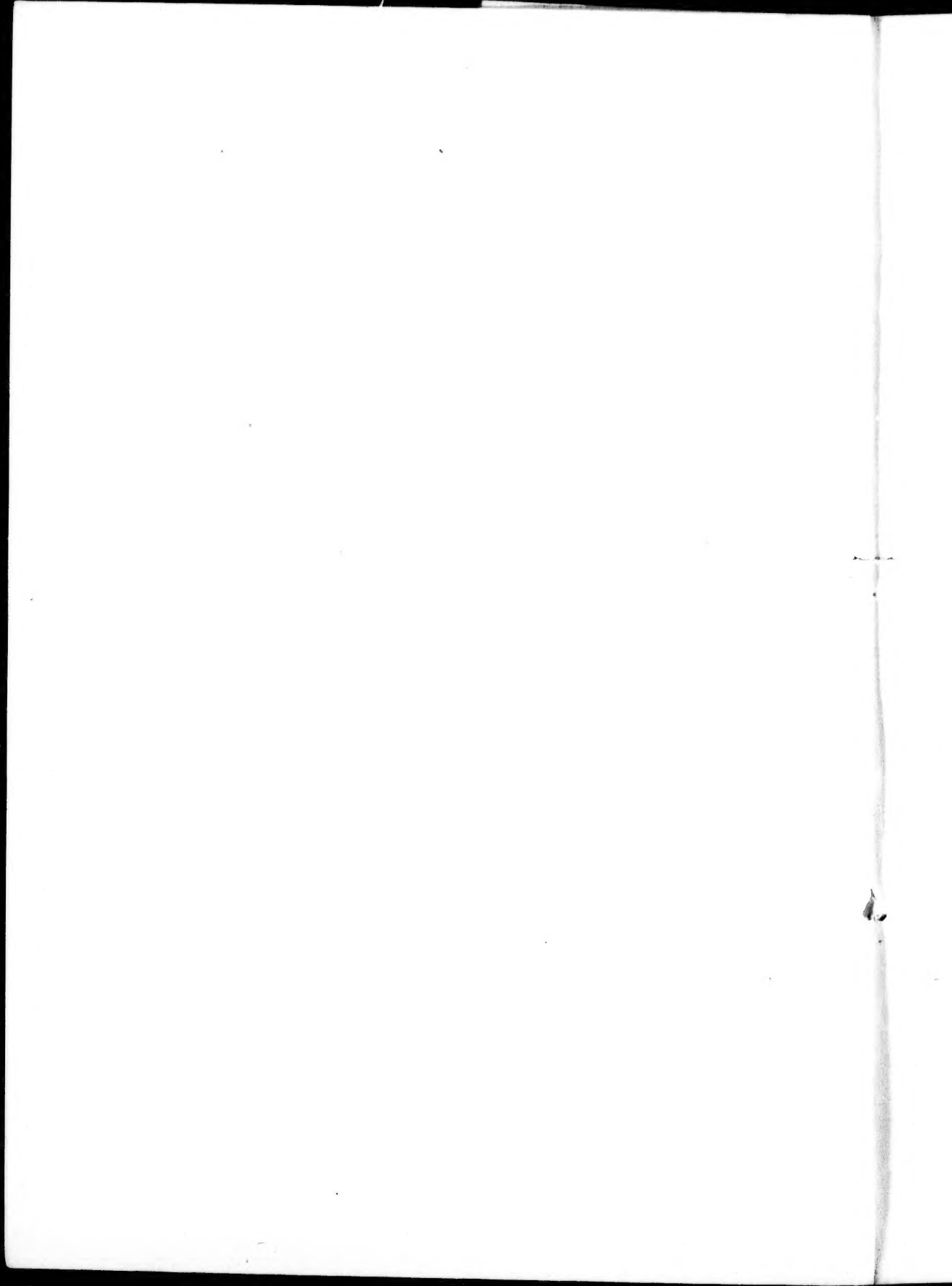
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E. L. DAVIS,

W. H. LONG,

D. S. WHITMAN,

W. A. GALLIHER.

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THE SOCIETY.

1. The Society shall be called "THE WINNIPEG LEGAL CLUB."

2. The objects of this Society shall be the promotion of the study of the Law, the cultivation of public speaking and reading, and the writing of essays on legal and other subjects of general interest.

MEMBERS.

3. The Society shall consist of Ordinary and Honorary members.

4. Ordinary Members shall consist of such Barristers, Attorneys, Law Students and Articled Clerks of Manitoba and other Provinces of the Dominion, and officers of the Superior and County Courts of Manitoba as shall sign the roll and pay the proper fees.

5. Honorary Members shall consist of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench and County Courts, and the Benchers of the Law Society.

6. Each Ordinary Member shall pay an admission fee of one dollar, which shall be his subscription for the session in which he is admitted, and, at or before the second meeting of each session thereafter, an annual subscription of one dollar, and shall contribute any further sum that may be imposed upon him by the Society to meet its requirements.

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7. Any Member allowing his fees to remain unpaid for one year shall cease to be a Member, and no Member shall vote or take any part in the proceedings while his fees are in arrear.

OFFICERS.

8. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, (who shall be a Barrister,) a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Committee of Management.

9. The Committee of Management shall consist of six members, who, together with the other officers of the Society, shall constitute and be called the Executive Committee.

10. Candidates for office shall be nominated at least one week prior to election.

11. The election of Officers shall take place yearly, by ballot, at the third regular meeting of the session, and every Officer shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

12. In case of a vacancy occurring in any office candidates shall be nominated to fill such vacancy at the next regular meeting thereafter, and the election shall take place at the meeting next after such nomination.

13. The Session shall commence on the first day of September and end on the last day of June in each year.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

14. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, (if not appointed reader, essayist, or debater for that evening), shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

15. In case, at any meeting, no member be present who is qualified to act as Chairman under the preceding section, a Chairman chosen by the members present shall preside.

16. The President may, in his discretion, appoint any member present at a regular meeting to take the chair in his place.

17. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep full and correct minutes of the business transacted at all meetings of the Society, and shall record therein the names of the Officers present at every meeting and the number of members present, and shall report annually at the meeting held for the election of Officers, upon the general condition of the Society.

18. He shall be *ex officio* a member of all Committees, and shall act as their Secretary.

19. He shall arrange the business of the meetings and bring it before the Society in the order hereinafter prescribed.

20. He shall conduct all Society correspondence, and give due notice of all meetings of the Society.

21. He shall at every meeting read the minutes of the previous meeting.

22. In case of the illness or absence of the Secretary the Society shall appoint some member to perform his duties *pro tem*.

23. He shall receive and account for all the moneys belonging to the Society; and he shall be responsible for all moneys so received by him.

24. He shall at the annual meeting for the election of Officers furnish a statement of the financial affairs of the Society, certified by the Executive Committee.

25. All records in possession of any officer of the Society shall be open to the inspection of any member thereof.

26. Every Officer of the Society shall, at the conclusion of his term of office, deliver to his successor all books, documents and funds in his possession belonging to the Society, and such successor shall thenceforth during his term of Office be responsible for the safe keeping of the same.

COMMITTEES.

27. The Executive Committtee shall select the subjects for debate, and shall, except for public debates, appoint a leader on the affirmative and a leader on the negative side of the question ; all members so appointed shall receive at least one week's notice of their appointment and of the subject selected by the Committee for discussion.

28. The Committee shall hand to the Secretary, and the Secretary shall announce the question for discussion, at the meeting next preceding the meeting appointed for such discussion.

29. The Committee may appoint Readers for each meeting of the Society, giving them at least one week's notice of such appointment.

30. Four members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

31. Any officer absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without giving to the Society a satis-

factory reason therefor shall be held to have vacated his office.

MEETINGS.

32. Ten members shall form a quorum.

33. Meetings may be held in each Session to which the Public shall be invited, and the members of the Club shall appoint the times for holding the same, and the members to take part therein.

34. Such appointment shall be made at least two weeks before the day named for such public debate.

35. The President, or Vice-President, or any five members of the Society, may, by written requisition to the Secretary, require him to call a Special Meeting of the Society for the purposes mentioned in such requisition; the Secretary shall give two days' notice of such meeting and shall state in such notice the purposes for which such meeting is called.

35. The Society shall meet every Saturday evening during the Session at 8 o'clock.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

37. The order of business at Ordinary Meetings shall be as follows, (subject however to any alteration that may be made for the evening by a vote of the majority of the members present):

1. Calling the Membership Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes of last Meeting.
3. Reading Communications.
4. Notices of Motion.
5. Motions of which notice has been given.

6. Business from the Executive Committee and arising out of the Minutes and Communications.
7. General Business.
8. Balloting for Officers.
9. Reading Essays and Selections.
10. Debates.

38. In every debate the question shall be argued on the affirmative and negative sides alternately commencing with the affirmative, and the leader of the affirmative shall have a general reply.

39. In the absence of any member appointed on the debate, his place may be supplied by a volunteer.

40. Except at public debates, there shall be allowed for the reading of essays twenty minutes, for the reading of selections ten minutes ; to the leaders on the debate fifteen minutes each, to the other speakers ten minutes each ; the leader of the affirmative shall also be allowed ten minutes to reply.

41. At the close of the debate the Chairman shall sum up the arguments and in giving his decision shall have strict regard to the weight of the arguments advanced by the speakers of the respective sides.

42. The Chairman shall have power to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the meeting, a vote of two-thirds of the members present being necessary to sustain such appeal.

43. No motion shall be put from the chair unless submitted in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or the previous question.

44. No member shall address the meeting unless a motion is before the chair, except when general business is being transacted.

45. When a member intends to speak or submit a motion he shall rise in his place and, respectfully addressing the chair, confine himself to the subject and avoid personalities.

46. Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall at once and without appeal determine who is entitled to the floor.

47. On a point of order being raised while a member is speaking, the member speaking shall at once take his seat, the point of order shall be stated by the member raising it, and the Chairman shall without further debate decide thereupon.

48. In business discussions each member shall be allowed to speak twice, but no member shall speak for the second time until all the members desiring to speak once shall have done so.

49. No amendment can be received after an amendment to an amendment.

50. The following motions shall be put from the chair immediately without debate :

To adjourn simply,
To lay on the table,
The previous question.

51. A motion to adjourn simply shall always be in order except (1) In interruption of a member speaking. (2) When members are voting. (3) When an adjournment was the last preceding motion. (4) When it has been decided that the previous question shall be put.

52. The previous question shall be put in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried no further motions or amendments or debate shall be permitted, but the main question shall be put without delay.

53. All questions, unless otherwise provided for shall be determined by a majority of votes.

54. The Chairman shall, with the assistance of the Secretary, ascertain and declare the result of every ballot.

55. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote only on an equality of votes, in which case he shall have the casting vote.

56. The yeas and nays upon any question shall be recorded on the Minutes when called for by two members.

57. No amendment to the Minutes shall be allowed after their adoption, and no resolution to expunge any part of them shall have any other effect than the erasure of the record, nor shall any motion to expunge be in order until their adoption.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

58. No alteration of the Constitution of the Club shall be made except at the third meeting in the month of October, and at least two weeks' notice in writing of the proposed alteration shall be given to the Society, and such alteration shall only be made upon a vote in favor of the same of two thirds of the members present at the meeting when the motion for such alteration shall be made.

59. Amendments may be moved to a motion for the alteration of the Constitution, on the evening when such

motion is discussed, without notice of the amendments proposed, provided that such amendments are part of the original motion, or do not substantially alter the original motion.

60. By a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, the operation of any article or articles of this Constitution may be suspended for that meeting.

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Names of Members.

Bradshaw, C. W.
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Calder, J. G.
Code, J. D. D.
Clark, O. H.
Chambers, J. B.
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Dodge, R.
Fortin, G. E.
Galliher, W. A.
Howden, J. H.
Haney, J. R.
Kennedy, W. T. B.
Long, W. H.
Marshall T. H.
Moss, R.

McPhillips, A. E.
McBeth, R. G.
McIntyre, H. H.
McLean, A. L.
Perdue, W. E.
Prendergast, J.
Prince, A.
Robinson, T.
Shaw, C. L.
Turnbull, H.
Walker, G. H.
Wade, F. C.
Wilson, R. J.
Whitman, D. S.
Wilson, C. P.

